STATE OF IOWA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY

DOCKET NO. TF-00-79 (ECR-96-4)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

(Issued May 1, 2000)

On February 24, 2000, United Cities Gas Company (United Cities) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for recovery of energy efficiency costs. The Board approved the application, which included United Cities' revised energy efficiency cost recovery factors, by order issued March 28, 2000, in Docket No. ECR-96-4. United Cities filed proposed tariffs on April 3, 2000, identified as TF-00-79, to implement the revised cost recovery factors.

The Board will approve the proposed tariff. Pursuant to Iowa

Code § 476.6(19) (1999) and 199 IAC 35.12, a utility is allowed to recover previously approved costs, deferred past costs, and estimated contemporaneous energy efficiency expenditures through an automatic adjustment mechanism. United Cities' tariff implements the previously approved revised cost recovery factors that will be used in the automatic adjustment mechanism.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Tariff filing TF-00-79 is approved, subject to complaint or investigation, effective June 1, 2000.

	UTILITIES BOARD
	/s/ Allan T. Thoms
ATTEST:	/s/ Susan J. Frye
/s/ Sharon Mayer Executive Secretary, Assistant to	/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 1st day of May, 2000.